

Remarks

This responds to the Office action (Restriction Requirement) dated October 8, 2003. Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration are requested.

Initially, Applicants would point out that only claim 1 was pending in this application at the time of the Office action, claims 2-64 having been cancelled by a preliminary amendment filed March 5, 2001, with the original application papers. Thus only one claim group, having only one species, was pending in the application. (If claims 2-64 were not cancelled by the preliminary amendment, they are cancelled by the present amendment.)

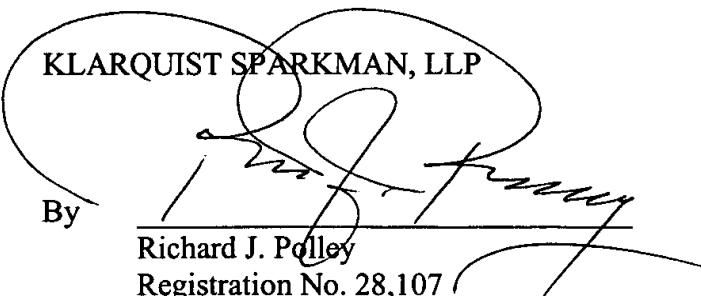
Applicants thus elect the Group that would encompass claim 1. No designation of a species is required since that group contains only one claim.

To facilitate prosecution, this amendment also cancels claim 1 and adds new claims 65-67. After this amendment only claims 65-67 are pending in the application.

Claims 65-67, although varying in scope, significantly overlap original claim 1 and one another, and thus should be examined together in this application.

Should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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